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Athens, Tennessee 18th Jany 1847

Son William

This leaves us all in good helth I have just got Home from Chattanooga I was thar + thare abouts ever since I started the Hogs to you - I have done some Tall Trading- I have agreed to Build Big Bush(?) a house just like Whitesides(?) the brick work only, for which he pays me \$2000 - in town property I purchased of him a part of the property that him + Martin cheated Spanks out of - Montgomery got the choice of one squar say 4 lots of 100 feet front each for his fee in the Sute against white & the title is now clean beyond all manner of doubt he made the selection of the block of lots laying between Markett and Rail Rode street commencing at the End of the depo say at the river + it just embraces Half of the distance between the river and glasses(?) I have a perfect deed for it + it is recorded I give \$5000 - for it & by the time Montgomery house is don I Shant owe him one dollar for it + I have five years to pay it in. I consider it the most valuable purchase that I Ever Have made, the Rail Rode will be made to the River in less than the five years + I hear say to you that the moment the Legislator of Georgia authorizes the letting of the completion of the rode to the river which they ar shure to do at thare next annual session - & the moment that is don that Purches is worth \$100.000_00 this will appear Longer(?) to you but if you never Se me again I Say to you the title to those 4 Lots is in me + Cant be Controverted(?) + let it be the last property of mine that is Sold + in less than 10 years you Can Count its vallu as I do - I Know that you will think that I am excited but when I see you + Explain to you its local advantages, you will Say at one it is worth more than its intrinsick vallu than all of the ballanc(?) of the town capitalized of Chattanooga + you Know that when the Rode is Completed it must be a great place - anough of this at present.

*Mr. Martin will give you those shirts sent by your Mother + your Shot Bag -

I have asked Mr. Martin to put the pattent Hotchkess(?) wheal to your Sawmill - I purchased the Right of (??) allso irons(?) if the will Sute if not Martin will git them he will look at the mill + give a Bill for Sutch Lumber as will be nessary [necessary]. I Shal lieve Hear next Sunday the 24th for your Home But I Shal be 2 or 3 days detained at Cleveland to take the account between my self + the Commisioners - then By Harrison + Have thar to Anser [answer] a Bill of Joseph King about the purchis [purchase] of Joe Smiths property - then to File a bill against John P. Long + some other Business at Chattanooga - then I would Like to Cum By Rome in order to See the depo + the Kirrs(?) [cars?] on the Rode + then to your House if you wish to wright me a Letter would most likely find me at Chattanooga - I Have sent(?) (??) + I think She is Expecting to Hear from you or see you.

But your ma Says she is two near Kinn(?) to Vanessa Bridgemon

Your Father

Thos. Crutchfield